SECOND REGULAR SESSION SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 810

92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, Parks and Natural Resources, March 18, 2004, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

2964S.04C TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal section 258.100, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to immunity from civil liability for certain landowners.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 258.100, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 258.100, to read as follows:

258.100. 1. As used in this section, the word "trail" means any land [previously used as a railroad right-of-way] which was acquired or utilized by the state for use as a public hiking, biking or recreational trail or any land or interest therein acquired or utilized hereafter by a [municipality or county] political subdivision for use as a public hiking, biking or recreational trail[, located in any county of the first classification which contains a city with a population of one hundred thousand or more inhabitants which adjoins no other county of the first classification, or in a county of the first classification with a population of over nine hundred thousand. However, a trail not acquired by the state must be designated by the governing body of the [municipality or county] political subdivision as a greenway system of trails or part of a dedicated system of trails, the acquisition [deed] conveyance whether by deed, easement agreement, grant, assignment, or reservation of rights to the [city or county] political subdivision must state the interest in the land is being granted for such purposes, the greenway system or dedicated system of trails must be designed exclusively for the purposes herein designated, and shall not include roads or streets, nor sidewalks, walkways or paths which are intended

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

to connect neighborhoods for pedestrian traffic, such as common sidewalks or walkways.

- 2. Any person owning land adjoining the trail shall be immune from civil liability for injuries to person or property of persons trespassing or entering on such person's land without implied or expressed permission, invitation, or consent where:
 - (1) The person who was injured entered the land by way of the trail; and
 - (2) Such person was subsequently injured on lands adjoining the trail.
- 3. The immunity created by this section does not apply if the injuries were caused by:
- (1) The intentional or unlawful act of the owner or possessor of such land; or
 - (2) The willful or wanton act of the owner or possessor of such land.

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